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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about February 25, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This Amendment is timely filed, as it is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 30-50, without prejudice.

Please enter new claims 51-105 as follows:

- 1 51. A microencapsulation process comprising:
 2 a) adding a core material and an oil having a melting point above about 110 Deg. F., into a mixer;
 3 b) mixing the core material and the oil until microencapsulated particles are formed that comprise the
 4 core material and the oil; and
 5 c) discharging the microencapsulated particles;
 6 with the proviso that no classification step is performed during the microencapsulation process.

- 1 52. The microencapsulation process of claim 51, wherein discharging the microencapsulated
 2 particles comprises cooling the microencapsulated particles.

- 1 53. The microencapsulation process of claim 51, wherein mixing the core material and the oil
 2 comprises mixing at a mixer work input sufficient to melt the oil.

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